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The readjusters have a proposition before the Legislature to educate forty more students at the University, at the State's expense. Why limit the number to forty? Why not include all the young men in the State? Why should certain young men have privileges allowed them that they deny to others? This is supposed to be a State in which civil equality prevails, where one man has no more favor shown him by the State than another, where equality of opportunity is afforded to all, and yet forty more are to be added to the specially privileged class. When the State has taught her children to read, write and cipher, she has done all the education that is required of her. Boys thus prepared will develop whatever there is in them, and will develop it in the most profitable way. State appropriations for any higher educational purposes than primary common schools are contrary to the spirit of free institutions, because it is impossible that all the children of the State can partake of their benefits, and they should therefore be discontinued. It is not just, nor is it good policy, for a State to grant privileges to a few of her children which she refuses to all the others.

Governor Cameron says: "Virginia pleads tolerance to every creed of party or church, save only the tolerance of intolerance and proscription."

And yet the readjusters have already introduced bills in the Legislature for removing all the officers of all the charitable and educational institutions in the State, competent and efficient as they are acknowledged to be, simply because they can not accept the doctrine that what is morally wrong is politically right, and that a State can defend her creditors any more than a man can his, without suffering all the evils incident to repudiation.

When one reads the proceedings of the Legislature and observes the bills that have been introduced therein for the creation of railroad commissioners, medical boards, land commissioners, bureaus of agriculture, tobacco inspectors, Governor's clerks, Secretary's clerks, &c., &c., he no longer wonders why the readjusters want to rob the State's creditors of \$13,000,000, for it will require an immense sum to pay the horde of office-seekers for whom places are to be thus provided. And yet the readjusters said the democrats had squandered the money of the State, but that they were going to economize and curtail expenses!

The readjusters, or "liberals" as they now term themselves, are certainly very liberal with the people's money. Instead of repairing the old furniture in the Governor's mansion, which, when repaired, would have been more valuable than any that can be bought now, they sold it for a mere song, and then refused to give the work of repairing and refurnishing the mansion to the lowest bidder, but voted a large appropriation for that purpose to be expended under their direction. And all this when they tell the world that Virginia is too poor to pay her honest debts!

Mr. John Sherman says: "Any means is justifiable both in law and morals to beat down democracy." The mouth-piece of the Virginia readjusters says: "Any means is justifiable to put coupons down and under foot." As the coupons referred to are parts of Virginia's just and legal debt, the regard for contracts manifested by the latter sentiment, equals the liberality expressed in the former.

The New Jersey State Senate has adopted resolutions declaring Guiteau to be a sane man. Most people have been under the impression that the question of Guiteau's sanity was to be determined by the jury before whom he is being tried, but it seems by the resolutions referred to that they have been mistaken.

St. Jacob's Orphan Asylum for 1882 has been received from Messrs. A. Vogeler & Co., Baltimore, Md. It is beautifully printed, contains a large quantity of useful information, and is full of wit and humor of a higher character than that contained in the average almanac.

The career of the Baltimore Times was brief, if not brilliant, and shows the wisdom of the old saying, never begin at the top of the ladder.

The Readjustment Bill.

The bill introduced in the Senate yesterday by Mr. Riddibarger, estimates the present total indebtedness of the State, including interest, at \$21,035,377.15, and provides, first, that the board of commissioners of the sinking fund of the State shall create bonds, registered and coupon, to such an extent as may be necessary to comply with the provision of the act; second, that the bonds shall be dated July 1, 1882, or any other time after July 1st, 1900, at the pleasure of the State. The rate of interest is 3 per cent. The board of commissioners are authorized to issue the bonds in denominations of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, and to issue them in exchange for the outstanding obligations of the State, including the bonds held by the sinking fund at certain rates, according to the class to which the debt may belong under the division made by the bill. For all balances of indebtedness, constituting what the bill calls West Virginia's share of the old debt, and amounting to one-third of the sum assumed by Virginia, the sinking-fund commissioners are to issue a certificate relieving the creditor to West Virginia. The commissioners are further authorized to issue certificates for any fractional part of one hundred dollars, which are to be registered and payable in sums of one hundred dollars in the bonds issued under the act. The bill further provides that in 1890, and annually thereafter until all the bonds issued under it are repaid, there shall be set apart of the State revenue 2 1/2 per cent, upon the bonds at the time outstanding, which shall be paid into the treasury to the credit of the sinking fund, and the commissioners of the sinking fund shall apply the same to the redemption or purchase of the bonds issued under the act. The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12, 1882.
The House Committee on Naval Affairs, of which Mr. D. Zandorf, of Virginia, is a member, called upon the Secretary of the Navy today to pay their respects and to inform him that they are disposed to carry out all his suggestions respecting the improvement of the navy.

The House District Committee, of which Judge Garrison and Mr. D. Zandorf, both of Virginia, are members, will, at 2 o'clock tomorrow, provided the weather be favorable, be taken by a tug-boat on an inspecting tour around the harbor of the District, and be informed of the nature of the work that will have to be done in the proposed reclamation of the river.

In the Senate to-day Mr. J. Johnston, at the request of W. W. Hurlbut, a Northern inventor, but now a resident of Virginia, introduced a bill for the metro system of coinage and for the minting of gold money. Mr. Johnston's bill reintroduced the claim of Marshall Parks, President of the Chesapeake and Albemarle Canal Company, for the use of that canal by the Government after the war, and that of John Hensley, of Winchester, for rent of property in that town by the Government subsequent to the war, and which had previously been reported upon favorably.

The sit-ten committee of the House Elections Committee, consisting of Messrs. Albion and Thompson, appointed to consider the claim of Col. M. D. Hall to a seat as a Delegate from Alaska, heard the oral statement of the Colonel and some of his friends, including a naval officer, yesterday, but adjourned without concluding the examination, subject to the call of the chairman. The prevailing impression is that the Colonel will not be allowed to take a seat, and that Alaska will have to be given a Territorial form of government, and the Colonel be chosen at an election held under that government, before he can be admitted.

James F. Robinson was today appointed Internal Revenue Stenographer and Gauger for the 3rd District of Virginia.

G. M. D. Curren and Mr. Thomas Henderson, of Alexandria, attended the agricultural meeting at the Smithsonian Institution to-day. Among the strangers in the floor of the House today was Congressman McKeezie, of Alexandria, an ex-member.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Virginia has 172 tobacco factories consuming annually over 48,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco.

A tract of land, containing 267 acres, in Stafford county, was sold Saturday last at \$2.35 per acre.

The live stock transported over the Norfolk and Western Railroad during October last aggregated 7,230 tons.

The Advertiser says the wholesale trade of Lynchburg has increased nearly fifty per cent. in the last five years.

A Lynchburg architect is engaged on a plan of a new church building for the Baptists, the cost of construction of which will be about \$60,000.

Harvey Morrison, a negro, who was arrested for the murder of young Felix Lexington, has been committed to await the action of the grand jury.

Mr. Samuel Patterson has been commissioned by the council to proceed to Washington and represent Lynchburg in a concerted move by a number of cities throughout the country to secure appropriations for the creation of public buildings.

Revs. W. D. Taylor, J. T. Harrison, J. W. Carroll, B. A. Washington, and A. Brown [colored], who are at present prosecuting their studies in St. Stephen's Theological School with a view to entering the ministry of the Episcopal Church, have been confirmed at Petersburg.

The total assessed value of the real estate of Richmond is over \$28,500,000, and of the personal property about \$11,250,000. The entire municipal taxes, including licenses on business, amount to \$15,146.20. The State tax, which embraces a tax on income, amounts to \$378,573.39.

The variety and something of the abundance of the mineral resources of Virginia are shown by the curbing business of a single one of her roads—the Norfolk and Western—for ten months of the year 1881. The amount of pig iron, iron ore, slate, lead ore and pig lead, zinc ore and zinc dust, plaster, &c., being over 45,000 tons.

ITALY AND THE POPE.—The question of submitting the Papal guarantees to international arbitration has not yet taken root. Prince Bismarck has expressed his sympathy with the project, and attention is being drawn to the curious harmony of his views with those expressed in the pamphlet "Il Papa e l'Italia," which is attributed to the pen of Pope Leo himself. The keynote of this remarkable pamphlet is one of menace. It gives Italy to understand that there is for her no safety except in the Pope, by the Pope and with the Pope. For eleven years, it says, the Pope has been closed up in the Vatican, from which he can only come forth a corpse, and yet has in one sense not the prisoner, but the jailer of Italy. If he persecutes the church, he persecutes power, and he will lose a valuable ally against the anarchists. If he makes himself hateful to every Catholic in the world, his isolation will soon be complete. If, on the other hand, he is willing to leave Rome and restore to the Pope the sceptre of which he has robbed him, he will be embraced in affection by his favorite daughter and will establish her again as a queen among nations.—N. Y. Herald.

THE DIVISION OF THE SPOILS.—At the readjustment legislative caucus last night, it was announced that Auditor Massey refuses to submit to dissolution, and the caucus passed by his case, after a hot discussion, until to-night, when, if he does not come to terms, another will be nominated in his place.

The following nominations were made: Secretary of the Commonwealth, Wm. O. Egan, Treasurer, Thomas Rively, of Rockbridge; Superintendent of Public Printing, R. F. Walker, of Richmond, present incumbent; Superintendent of the Penitentiary, S. C. Williams, of Rockingham, present incumbent; Stenographer of the Penitentiary, Winfield Scott, of Floyd, present incumbent; Second Auditor, H. H. Drayton, of Nottingham, present incumbent; Superintendent of Public Buildings, George Breckenbrugh, Superintendent of Public Instruction, R. R. Farr.

MISS ULMAN'S MARRIAGE.—Miss Ida Ullman, who appeared in a New York court last month as plaintiff in a breach of promise suit against Mr. Henry H. Meyer, of this city, was married a few days ago to Isaac R. Cohen, one of the witnesses in the case. Miss Ullman, it will be remembered, in the same reference, claimed \$25,000 damages, and alleged that Mr. Meyer, after entering into an engagement to marry her, had deserted her and refused to redeem his promise. The jury awarded a verdict of \$1,700 damages, from which Mr. Meyer took an appeal.—Richmond Dispatch.

Gov. Cameron yesterday sent to the Senate a message, giving his reasons for not signing the bill to consolidate the Richmond and Southwestern railroad with the Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio narrow-gauge railroad.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Eight thousand one hundred and three European immigrants arrived at Baltimore in the last three months.

A bill has been introduced in the Kentucky legislature to revive the whipping post in certain minor criminal offenses.

The census of Paris, taken on the 18th of December, shows a population of 2,225,900, against 1,989,800 in 1876.

Mr. Hiscoc, of New York, has reported to the House of Representatives a deficiency bill of \$540,000 for the Tenth Census.

A movement is on foot among the members of the San Francisco Produce Exchange to start a wheat speculation on the Chicago system.

At a recent banquet to veteran soldiers in Rome, the Mayor said that he would soon see the city in ashes than under Papal domination.

Two young French lieutenants named Aubertin and Audmard fought a duel with revolvers at Saigon, Cochinchina, recently. Aubertin was shot through the body.

Lord Lorne sailed from Liverpool yesterday on board the steamer Parisian, for Halifax, to resume the governor-generalship of Canada. The Princess Lorne accompanied him to Liverpool.

In the message which Gov. Corcoran sent to the New York Senate yesterday he refers to the great increase in the number of assaults as an alarming feature of the times, and commends this subject to the serious consideration of all thoughtful citizens. He also recommends biennial sessions of the legislature.

The loss to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company by the burning of the bridge at Moore's creek, as noted in yesterday's Gazette, is about \$10,000 or \$15,000. The store house of the wooden mills company, containing a large stock of manufactured goods, was not destroyed, being located on the opposite side of the railroad.

In the House of Representatives yesterday Mr. Haskell, rising to a question of privilege, had read a resolution declaring it to be the determination of Congress that no person mistreating polygamist marital relations, or teaching or inciting others so to do, be entitled to be admitted to the House of Representatives as a Delegate from any Territory, but the House determined that no question of privilege was involved in the resolution.

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company yesterday, President Garrett stated that notwithstanding the continuance of the "war" rates, the results to the Baltimore and Ohio Company, on its main stem and branches, showed a revenue for the month of December of \$1,617,687.71, being an increase of \$177,409.21 over the same month in 1880. On this increase \$78,008.11 was from passenger traffic.

Letter from Louisa Court House.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

LOUISA, C. H., Jan. 9, 1882.

Monday after Christmas day was a lively one here. The town was out attempting to arrest a negro for fighting on the street, but he was taken away by five other negroes. One negro tried to assist the sergeant in making the arrest and said he was on the side of the law and order. The effluents were arrested next day. One negro was sentenced to thirty days in jail and a fine of \$15, and the others were fined \$10 each. Good order and quiet prevail now.

There was a beautiful double Christmas tree at the Episcopal Church.

Smallpox has broken out in several places in this county. There were three cases below here and one death—a child who had never been vaccinated. An old woman who had been vaccinated fifty years ago had the virus introduced and did not stop her knitting. There were nine cases of smallpox in Jones Wood's family, and only one death. A hospital has been built near the Poor House, and Dr. R. L. Barrett is the attending physician.

Business has greatly increased, and there are thirteen stores here.

A new and beautiful Episcopal church was built here last fall.

Mr. James E. Bbb, editor of the Louisa News and Farmer, was married January 4 to the beautiful Miss Lizzie P. Porter, all of this town.

A good many persons have filled their ice boxes. They are now having cloudy, damp weather, and the snow is melting.

Mrs. Francis Thompson and Mr. Robert E. Harris, who had been ill for a long time, died last month.

Mr. Ernest Bolling is in Barbours, N. C., at the present time.

Korfolk and Western Railroad.

The first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company was held at Norfolk yesterday. The report of President George W. Tyler showed the operations of the road. It has been felt that it would be unwise to commence the declaration of dividends until their regular payment thereafter could be assured. This decision was made by the company from the tenth day of February until the first day of December have been allowed to accumulate, and they now constitute a reserve fund, which, with the future earnings of the road, it is hoped are ample guarantee that such dividends as the board of directors may determine to declare hereafter can be regularly paid.

Resolutions were adopted recommending the directors to accept of a lease to increase the terminal facilities at Norfolk, to assist in the establishment of a steamship line between the port and others in this country and Europe; to develop the coal, iron and mineral resources of Virginia and to enable them to obtain the increased freight rates required by the growing business of the company. Resolutions were also adopted authorizing and empowering the board of directors to effect a consolidation to construct branch roads, and extend by lease or otherwise the main line of the road. For this purpose the board was authorized to issue additional preferred and common stock.

The Poe Memorial.

To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

Feeling a deep interest in Edgar A. Poe, and knowing that you are also in sympathy with the long and oiled poet, we are happy to learn that his physical, living near your city, has been invited to deliver a lecture in this city in defense of his life, and especially his death. Long have his friends wanted to hear from one who, at least, should know precisely his condition when dying, and we firmly believe he will be able to restore the minds of his numerous friends of the false impressions made respecting his decease. Our city is now organizing a Poe memorial association, and intend to add some suitable memorial to his memory here, in the capital of the American people. Feeling assured that Virginia, his place of adoption, will not be far behind any other city in paying a just tribute to his memory, and that you will doubtless lend your best efforts in that direction, is our apology for sending for publication this hasty tribute. X. X. W.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9, 1882.

AN AFFLICTED FAMILY.—The sixteenth child of Furman and Margaret Abrams, of Westfield, town of Hempstead, was buried a few days since and the little girl is all in a row in the cemetery at Rockville Centre. One child of the family is living. All of the sixteen children died in infancy.—N. Y. Herald.

No man knows what a ministering angel, his wife will be to him when he is suffering with a dreadful cold, and she happens to have a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in the house.

Legislative.

In the Senate yesterday the bill to provide for the more efficient collection of the revenue; forbidding officers to receive anything but coin or paper currency, was passed; yeas 22, nays 15.

The bill to amend the charter of the city of Norfolk in relation to the Police Board, was passed; yeas 22, nays 13. As was also the bill authorizing the city of Norfolk to issue bonds for the purpose of retiring and refunding certain bonds now outstanding.

The bill providing for the payment of the indebtedness of the Danville Railroad Company to the State, was laid upon the table for the present.

When the resolution for the election of officers, Auditor, Treasurer, &c., was called on, Mr. Ligonist moved to amend it so as to except the offices of the Stenographer. This was vigorously opposed by Mr. Walker, from Chesterfield, who said that he did not consider that the office should be abolished except by a bill, and he was not in favor of taking action in the matter upon the spot of a committee.

There was considerable talk on this question, which developed the fact that the Readjusters have found out that there are too few officers to satisfy the party. During the discussion Mr. Riddibarger made a first class speech, and the matter was referred to the committee of the Governor's house, &c.

Mr. Wilcox offered a bill to revise the laws relating to the inspection of tobacco and warehouse charges, and to insure the proper delivery of tobacco to the consumer.

Mr. J. R. Wingfield presented a bill to establish a department of agriculture for the State.

A bill to incorporate the Staunton River Narrow Gauge Railroad Company was introduced by Mr. Jones.

The title of the new debt bill is changed as follows: "A bill to ascertain and declare Virginia's equitable share of debt created before and actually existing at the time of the partition of her territory and resources, and to provide for the issuance of bonds covering the same, and regular and prompt payment of interest thereon."

Mr. Kiefer offered resolutions as a tribute to the memory of the late Col. G. W. Munford, and the Senate adjourned.

In the House of Delegates a resolution was adopted fixing next Monday the 16th as the day for the election of Auditor, Treasurer, Register of the Land Office, Superintendent of Public Printing, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Railroad Commissioner, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, Penitentiary Stenographer, and also judges of the County Courts of the following counties and districts: Orange and Alleghany, Elizabeth City and Warwick, Fluvanna, Madison and Green, Patrick and Washington, Brunswick, Nansemond and the corporation of Fredericksburg, in the order named, to fill vacancies existing in said districts and counties, and this shall be the order and continuing order until completed.

A bill was presented to permit defendants to testify in criminal cases. It provides that in the trial of all indictments, complaints, and other proceedings in any court or before a justice or mayor in the Commonwealth against persons charged with the commission of misdemeanors and felonies, the person so charged shall, at his own instance, but not otherwise, be deemed a competent witness, but his or her neglect, omission, or refusal to testify shall not create any presumption against him or her, nor shall any reference be made to nor shall any comment be made upon such neglect, omission or refusal by counsel in the case during the trial.

The death of Col. Munford was announced, and the House as a mark of respect adjourned after appointing a committee consisting of Messrs. Lyons, Hanger, Draft, Green, Stubbs, and Scott, of Fauquier, to draft eulogistic resolutions.

The report of the special committee to examine the books and valuable papers in the Second Auditor's office, embraces a three hundred and three page, the substance of which was given in a despatch in yesterday's Gazette.

Letter from Richmond.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

RICHMOND, Va., January 11.—The readjuster caucus is not having a strong time now. A member remarked to-day that he did not expect another such sorry scene as that presented last night. It turns out that the main cause of trouble was the report of the committee on appeals, by which the place of Railroad Commissioner was awarded to the Norfolk District. It is now held by Capt. Asa Rogers, of the Petersburg District, and his friends are naturally anxious to assist in his removal.

When the caucus adjourned after midnight, however, the indications were all against Mr. Rogers despite the fact that he is the intimate friend of Gen. Mahone, whose influence gave him the place he now holds. The representatives from the Norfolk District have decided that the position shall be given to Senator Martin from their district. Capt. Rogers' friends agree that Martin's clutches for the prize are excellent. Rogers has over a year to serve yet and doubtless before his term expires he will be provided for elsewhere.

While the present incumbent, Col. Funtleyer, is fighting hard to keep his place as Secretary of the Commonwealth, he will find it difficult to beat W. O. Egan, editor of the Virginian, who has been importuned by his friends to take the place. His party desire to let him understand their appreciation of his services in the campaign and they wish to make this known by a more substantial recognition than mere words of thanks.

It is understood the bill amending the charter of the city of Richmond has been drawn up and will be offered in a few days. Of course it will meet with vigorous opposition, but that will in no way prevent its passage.

The recommendation of the committee appointed two years ago to examine the condition of the Second Auditor's office will doubtless be agreed to, especially in reference to the cumbersome mode of keeping the books in the basement of the Capitol, which has been in vogue many years. Four years ago Mr. John O. Steger, of this city, by appointment of the Legislature, made a thorough examination of this system of book-keeping, and recommended a change, but the Legislature never acted upon his recommendations.

Auditor Massey stood about the caucus door to-night, but seemingly not anxious as to his fate. In fact, he spoke cheerfully as he seemed several of his friends that he thought he would be beaten. He is a man who apparently never loses his temper. There is no doubt that, as far as the Legislature is concerned, he is nothing like as popular as he was two years ago. Among the members themselves he seems to have no intimate friends. The decision of Col. Volney Walten, who left behind a fiery letter, denouncing the Board, injured Massey, for, while he has not known how to have had anything to do with the episode, still Col. Walten was known as his intimate friend, and since that time he has been eyed with suspicion.

Most of Massey's clerks will be discharged if he is removed, for it is the policy of the party of progress to keep in no man who has been connected with an offender. STRONGBOW.

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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPH NEWS.

To Day's Congressional Proceedings.
SENATE.

Mr. Frye reported from the Committee on Rules a resolution authorizing the select committee on woman suffrage to employ a clerk.

Mr. Morrill made an unsuccessful effort to have taken up the bill fixing the term of office of collectors of internal revenue, Mr. Edmunds, who said he favored the bill, desiring further time to prepare an amendment adding many other officers of the United States.

Mr. Ligonist here rose and read from Mr. Beck's speech on the tariff as follows: "I would promptly repeal the arrears of pensions act. It was conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity. It is a fraud upon the American people and a standing monument to the ignorance, selfishness and cowardice of the American Congress."

Mr. Brown, of Penn., introduced a bill to repeal the tax on bank deposits, the stamp tax on the circulation of national bank notes, and for the appointment of a committee on the Interstate Canal and foreign island transportation, to consist of 13 members, to which shall be referred all measures relative to these subjects. Under the rules the report was laid over for one day.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., January 12.—A large crowd was again present to-day. A Mr. Davidge traced the process of reasoning by which the prisoner gradually robbed the conviction that "but one little life, interposed between himself and possibly great benefits," Guiteau became restless, and for the first time since the opening of the court indicated by his nervous twitches, the usual preliminaries to a series of interruptions, which, in this instance, quickly followed. "Not often," said Mr. Davidge, "is the record of a heinous crime so well shown and pointed out as in this case the subject came to the witness stand, as he was going in his bid."

"I came to me when the Lord got ready to have it," snarled the prisoner.

Mr. Davidge continued: "This thought of vengeance came to him on the 13th of May, still thinking that he might obtain the office of sheriff, and keep his hands clean, he made another effort on the 28th of May to induce the President."

Guiteau called out from the dock, "I wouldn't have taken a foreign mission after the first of June, if it had been off to me."

For several minutes Guiteau continued to interrupt his comments with the evident intention of annoying Mr. Davidge, but finding he could not effect this, he gradually subsided into complete silence.

Assassination.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 12.—A. M. Skyles, a prominent citizen of Norfolk, and a member of the firm of Joseph L. Guy & Co., wholesale liquor and tobacco dealers of this place, still going to his home in Hukley lane last night was seized from behind while in the streets of the suburbs by an unknown man, his head thrown back and his throat cut just under the chin. Mr. Skyles lies in a critical condition. There is no doubt as to the assailant.

Independent Republicans.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 12.—The independent republican convention of this State assembled here to-day. John J. Pinkerton, of Chester, was chosen chairman. A resolution calling a State convention of independent republicans for the nomination of candidates for the various offices was offered. This was opposed by some who favored sending delegates to the regular convention, and is being reformed within the party ranks.

Marine Disaster.

BABYLON, L. I., Jan. 12.—The British barkentine J. H. M., 300 tons burthen, came ashore in a snow squall yesterday at Jones' inlet. The crew were rescued by life-boats from station Nos. 28 and 29. This vessel will prove a total loss. A tug is trying to pull her off. She is loaded with petroleum, and was bound from New York to Verona.

Death of Mrs. Laura Kendrick.

Boston, January 12.—Mrs. Laura Kendrick, well known among liberals and radical reformers in all parts of the United States as a prominent and popular lecturer before her various organizations, died yesterday at her residence in this city, having suffered a stroke of paralysis about ten days ago. She was 40 years of age.

Suicide by Landman.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 12.—Jennie Sear, 35 years old, committed suicide by taking landman, in a house of ill repute, at 810 Wood st., this morning. She was a married woman, but had been separated from her husband. She had been in the habit of taking morphine and landman.

Suicide.